ed in Part III of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 17th Medam 1102.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not this amount subscribed by the public for giving relief to the flood-stricken people?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—What the object was will be found from the report published in the Gazette.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then have the Committee any right to give it for other purposes?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government have no control over it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Rs. 150 is the bonus to clerk, Mr. Sivaramakrishna Ayyar. Were there others also who were entrusted with the work?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Mr. Parameswara Ayyar also is another clerk.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was he also given any extra allowance during the time he was doing this work?

President.—No. None was allowed, I think.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—None was allowed.

27. **Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of individuals to whom money was given by the Central Flood Relief Committee to be distributed as grants for house construction and other relief;

2. whether all these individuals have submitted their account and vouchers for the moneys received by them;

3. whether there are any among them who have not sent their accounts and vouchers;

4. if there are any, what are their names;

5. if there are any, what action has been taken against them;

6 what are the amounts standing against each?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Committee in question not being in existence at present, it is not possible to address the Committee for furnishing the particulars asked for.

Diwan's tour to Ootty.

28. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the purpose of the Diwan's recent visit to Ootty and the amount of T. A. drawn and the number of days spent there?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The visit was on Government purpose. More than this cannot be disclosed. Information in regard to the other matters mentioned in the question can be had from the following extract of the T. A. bill:—

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Extract of the T. A. bill.

16—9—1102.	Tattamangalam to Coonoor		
	71 miles at 6 annas 426	} Rs. 37—14—0	
	20 miles at 9 annas 180		
	606		
17th to 23rd	Halt. No halting allowance claimed.		
24th	Coonoor to Ootty and back 30 miles		
	at 9 annas 270 annas	Rs. 16—14—0	
25th	Coonoor to Ernakulam *via* Palghat		
	20 miles at 9 annas 180	} Rs. 70— 2— 0	
	157 ,, at 6 ,, 942		
	1,122		
	Total	Rs. 124—14—0	

Elevation of the Depressed Classes.

29. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have called for any scheme for the elevation of the depressed classes from the new Protector of the depressed classes who is also the Director of Public Instruction ;

(b) will they also be pleased to state whether any such scheme has been submitted to Government by the new Officer after his appointment ; if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay a copy of the same on the table ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— (a) No.

(b) No scheme has as yet been submitted.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—In regard to the first part of the question, may I know whether any scheme will be called for by the Government in future ?

President.—For the elevation of the depressed classes, I suppose the Director of Public Instruction, who is the *ex-officio* Protector of the depressed classes, will be submitting a scheme shortly. He has gathered the necessary meterials. I suppose it is under preparation.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is under consideration, Sir.

Protector of the Depressed Classes.

30. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of all the applicants for the post of the Protector of the depressed classes that was recently given to the Director of Public Instruction ;

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